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NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON CARDIO VASCULAR DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to start National Programme on Cardio Vascular Diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the programme is likely to be started and the benefits expected to be achieved through this ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) : The Government proposes to initiate and implement a National Programme for the prevention and control of Cardio Vascular Diseases (CVD) and Diabetes to reduce the adverse health impact of heart diseases, stroke and diabetes. Draft National CVD, Diabetes and Stroke Control Programme which was submitted to Planning Commission earlier is being updated to make it comprehensive.

The common behavioural and biological risk factors which are responsible for these diseases link these three major disorders and provide a common pathway for their prevention and control. Besides, the new programme which will be initiated several activities regarding prevention and treatment are being undertaken by the States and Center in the Health Care Delivery System. The simple cases like hypertension, uncomplicated diabetes etc. are treated at the PHC/CHC level while the complicated cases require tertiary level care at Medical Colleges and District Hospitals and higher centers e.g. AIIMS, PGI Chandigarh and SGPGI Lucknow etc.

The National Programme would be operational after completion of the procedures including the approval of the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance. The benefits out of this programme would include reduction in the cases of heart disease, diabetes as well as their timely treatment avoiding further complications.